

September 19, 2000

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Santa Clarita, California, for its activities on behalf of preserving the Santa Clara River, located in my district, and for its activities recognizing National Pollution Prevention Week.

The City of Santa Clarita will hold its annual "River Rally" at the Santa Clara River on September 23, 2000. This event will highlight the importance of the Santa Clara River. During this annual event, citizens from throughout the city and the greater Santa Clarita Valley gather and pick up trash from the banks of the river. The River Rally raises awareness of the river and pollution prevention measures. The city and the many business and individuals who participate in the River Rally deserve our thanks.

The City is holding the River Rally during National Pollution Prevention Week, which is September 18-24. We all value a clean environment. In order to achieve that goal, the city of Santa Clarita has developed a pollution prevention program that is aimed at protecting the environment and encouraging economic competitiveness.

Santa Clarita is to be commended for taking these steps to safeguard our environment and raise awareness of the importance of pollution prevention.

HONORING RENEE ROSE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special person, Renee Rose of San Francisco, California, who is a dedicated wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, colleague and friend.

Renee Rose is one of those rare individuals who takes care of everyone she knows. Whether you are simply stopping by her office to drop something off, or you are a second cousin of a second cousin looking for a place to stay—Renee will take care of you. She takes care of everyone, and she is wonderful at it. In a day and age when people do not even exchange eye contact, Renee is a beautiful reminder about what people should be all about. And everyone lucky enough to fall into her care is truly blessed. If only we had more Renee's.

On behalf of the many that have benefited from your numerous kindnesses, Renee Rose, we rise to celebrate you and your 60th birthday. We wish you 60 more!

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE BENIGN BRAIN TUMOR CANCER REGISTRIES AMENDMENT ACT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, since 1973, there has been a federal cancer data collection process in existence. Unfortunately this process failed to include "benign" brain tumors. I have introduced legislation to include benign brain tumors in the data collection of cancer registries.

This data will directly help the entire medical system including public health agencies, scientific research labs, health system public policy groups and of course the brain tumor groups. The medical system organizations use cancer data in funding decisions, investigations, research, and care facilities.

I am pleased to announce the introduction of the Benign Brain Tumor Cancer Registries Amendment Act.

Brain tumors are the second leading cause of cancer death for children and the third leading cause of cancer death in young adults ages 15-34.

The greatest increase in brain tumors has been among people 75 years of age or older.

Only 37 percent of males and 52 percent of females survive five years following the diagnosis of a primary benign or malignant brain tumor.

Each year, approximately 100,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with a primary or metastatic brain tumor. Nationwide, the incidence of brain tumors has increased by 25 percent since 1975 and the reasons for this increase are unknown.

For many types of tumors, the distinction between benign and malignant is significant. For tumors of the brain, this distinction is not as clear.

A tumor, whether malignant or benign, is a collection of cells that grow as rapidly as malignant tumors, however based on location and size, even benign brain tumors can be life threatening.

Benign brain tumors account for almost 40 percent of all brain tumors. Not including these tumors in the cancer registry, underestimates the incidence of brain tumors in the general population.

Roughly half of all brain tumors are benign. All brain tumors, both cancerous and benign, are potentially life-threatening.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill and support the thousands of Americans plagued with this disease.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GEORGE W. TEUSCHER

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, in its annual meeting in San Antonio, on October 28, 2000, the American Society of Dentistry for

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Children will honor the life's work of George W. Teuscher. Born in 1908, Dr. Teuscher received his dental degree from Northwestern University in 1929. Subsequently, he received an MSD degree in pediatric dentistry, an MA in educational psychology and a PhD in education, with major areas of study in administration, and English and American Literature. Since the 1930s, Dr. Teuscher has been a dental clinician, researcher, educator, dental school dean, writer, editor, and lecturer to dentists all over the world. In 1968 he became Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Dentistry for Children. In the thirty two years since, Dr. Teuscher's editorials regarding child advocacy have expounded on preventive dentistry and medicine, child behavior, parental concerns, the importance of education, special needs patients, ethics, social responsibility, and other topics—all relating to children and their well being. His writings in the Journal have served as a veritable archival conscience for the dentist: a thought provoking stream of awareness regarding children in modern societies. Dr. Teuscher's writings, along with articles he has selected for publication, have made the Journal of Dentistry for Children the most widely read and important international publication in the field. Likewise, his leadership in the American Society of Dentistry for Children has made it a renowned and respected child advocacy health organization. To this day, with undiminished vigor and enthusiasm, 92-year-old Dr. Teuscher reviews and edits scholarly submissions to the Journal, from dozens of countries. His skills and talent for this endeavor seem to increase with each published issue of the Journal, as the years have gone by. As one of dentistry's great leaders of the 20th century contemplates retiring from his work with the American Society of Dentistry for Children, it is with great respect, gratitude, admiration and affection that the people of the United States and members of the United States Congress pay tribute to Dr. George W. Teuscher.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on Monday September 18, 2000 I was unavoidably detained in Southeast Missouri. I was reviewing a critical flood control project with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Dr. Joe Westphall. Had I been present I would have voted aye on roll call votes 477 and 478.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HELEN CHENOWETH-HAGE

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE. Mr. Speaker, on September 18, 2000, I missed two roll call votes because of unavoidable obligations in Idaho. Had I been present, I would have voted